

# RESUMING WORK ON ALASKAN RAILROAD

SEATTLE, Wash., July 24.—Pioneering government construction crews laying the 471 mile railroad from Seward to the coast, north across the continental divide to connect with Alaska's great interior river highway system, made no attempt early this summer to close the 150-mile gap across Broad Pass between the end of steel lying north and south of the terminals of the road.

Recent failure of congress to appropriate \$10,000,000 requested to complete the road, made it impossible for the Alaska Engineering Commission which is directing the work, to lay any new line. Hope again had been abandoned, however, that the necessary money will be raised as on July 9, Representative Harry E. Campbell, introduced a measure providing for the appropriation of \$10,000,000 for the road.

One of Alaska's big war sacrifices was the delay in the work on the government railroad. During the war years were hard to get as they were needed to build ships. Instead of carrying troops overseas instead of carrying supplies to Alaska and railroad materials were sent from the water in the battlefields instead of by the north.

Now that the war is over, the delay to see the work on the road pushed. The road would have been completed in 1921 if congress had appropriated the \$10,000,000.

Manager J. L. McPherson of the Alaska bureau of the Seattle chamber of commerce recently told the senate appropriations committee McPherson, a railroad engineer himself, is in Washington assisting in the fight for the funds.

Construction crews started this summer to connect the links between Nenana and Fairbanks on the interior end of the road and to build snowsheds and repairing trestles, bridges and roadbed on the line between Seward and Anchorage on the southern end. Last year the road was opened between Seward and Anchorage and trains were operated regularly until snowdrifts stopped the travel. By next winter it is hoped snowsheds will permit trains to operate at all times.

Coal already is being moved over the coast end of the railroad from the Matanuska fields to Seward and Anchorage and nearby points and it is believed the Nenana-Fairbanks road will be completed this fall so coal can be hauled from the Matanuska fields into Fairbanks. The Matanuska coal is moved over a thirty-eight-mile branch running into the coal fields from the Seward-Anchorage end of the line.

Main line track has been laid on the road north from Seward 224 miles to Talkeetna. On the northern end the line has been built 24 miles south from Nenana and seven miles south from Fairbanks. All of the road is not being built by the government. On the Seward end the commission, when it started work took over the old Alaska Northern railway, running north from Seward. On the interior end the Tanana Valley railway, which ran out of Fairbanks, was purchased and government engineers have put both those lines in first class shape.

Some of the work on the interior end is being held up until the road from the coast is finished so materials can be brought over it from the seaports of Seward and Anchorage. At present prohibitive costs make it impossible to transport a large amount of material to Fairbanks and Nenana as supplies must be sent thousands of miles around by St. Michaels and on the Yukon river or to Sheslay and over the mountains and then down the Yukon. One big piece of work being delayed until the line reaches the interior is the construction of a bridge across the Tanana river at Nenana. Last winter a track was laid on the ice of the frozen river for work trains.

## MORMAN CHURCH IN THE ISLAND

Correspondence Associated Press) HONOLULU, T. H., July 1.—E. W. Smith, new president of the Mormon Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormons) in Hawaii, arrived here to take up his work. Mr. Smith is a son of the late president of the church, Joseph Smith, and is a native of Hawaii. He was born here in 1886. His father made a number of visits to Hawaii as a church missionary.

The Mormon church, since the mission was established here in 1850, has had about 9000 members in the islands and owns and operates a large sugar plantation in Hale, on the island of Oahu.

A large temple recently was completed at Hale but it will not be formally dedicated until President Heber J. Grant and other high church officials make arrangements to come to the island. It is understood the temple will come as soon as steamship accommodations can be obtained.

## MOTOR RIVALRY GETS A START

Correspondence Associated Press) LONDON, July 1.—A large British engineering company has announced to enter the field of motor car production with a model which is regarded as an attempt to meet American competition by adopting American methods of mass production. The company hopes to put 2000 cars on the market in the first year. This car, says the American Chamber of Commerce in London, is of 16 to 20 horse-power, to carry six passengers and sell at approximately \$1100. Thus far only one car has been built and this was for racing purposes.

## BRITISH PHONES CALLED A GHASTLY JOKE

Correspondence Associated Press) LONDON, July 1.—"A ghastly joke," what Joseph Ralph of Sausalito, Calif., calls the English telephone system, is a letter to the Daily Telegraph. "I am absolutely mystified by a practical people like the British can tolerate for twenty-five minutes the pathetic travesty for a telephone service with which you are afflicted," he also says. He writes approvingly of American telephone facilities.

Judging by the overwhelming demand for the "wets" in the house, the advocates of "beer and light wine" will as well blow out the gas and to bed.

## GERMANY WINS OVER MEXICO

(Correspondence Associated Press) COBLENZ, June 28.—The eyes of the commercial world of Germany are directed toward Mexico, according to German newspapers of recent date.

With reference to Germany's prospective trade with Mexico the German Anzeiger which is devoted to the chemical industry says: "In Munich there was formed in 1918 a German Mexican society composed of educated people. The purpose of this society is to disseminate information about Mexico; to lead impetus to the study of Spanish; bring about the teaching of the German language and German culture in Mexican schools; induce Mexican salesmen to visit Germany; and induce Mexican youth to attend German universities. In March, 1919, a similar society was organized in Bavaria with a charter membership of 200 persons.

"In Rostingen there has been incorporated the 'Almece' founded by industrial firms; the purpose of the organization being to facilitate exchange of raw products and other commodities between the two countries.

"Seventy-five per cent of Mexico's exports found their way to the United States which regards Mexico as its warehouse. Of course those exports will now go to Germany. Our first duty is to secure from Mexico large imports of raw materials and not regard it as a dumping ground for German goods."

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All the Shoshones are invited to attend the big fandango beginning August 12th, 1919 at the San Carter ranch in Snake valley. There will be horse races and foot races, and a good time is assured to all who come.

At the same time a big meeting will be held by the Shoshone Indians for the purpose of electing a chief to take the place of the deceased Tom Toi Toy.

Joe Gilbert, Indian captain.

## TEN YEARS WORK COMES TO END

(Correspondence Associated Press) HONOLULU, July 1.—The new naval dry dock at Pearl Harbor, work on which has been in progress for ten years, has been completed and will be given a test in the near future. The formal opening of the dock will not be celebrated until the new Pacific fleet comes from the Atlantic, it being hoped that the fleet or at least part of it, will be here for the event. The Chamber of Commerce has invited Secretary Daniels to attend.

The new drydock is 409 feet long, 110 feet wide and 18 feet deep. It will be filled and emptied by large electric pumps.

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All creditors having claims against said estate are required to file the same, with proper vouchers attached, with the Clerk of the Court, within three months of the first publication of this notice.

CHAS. WILLIAMS, Administrator.

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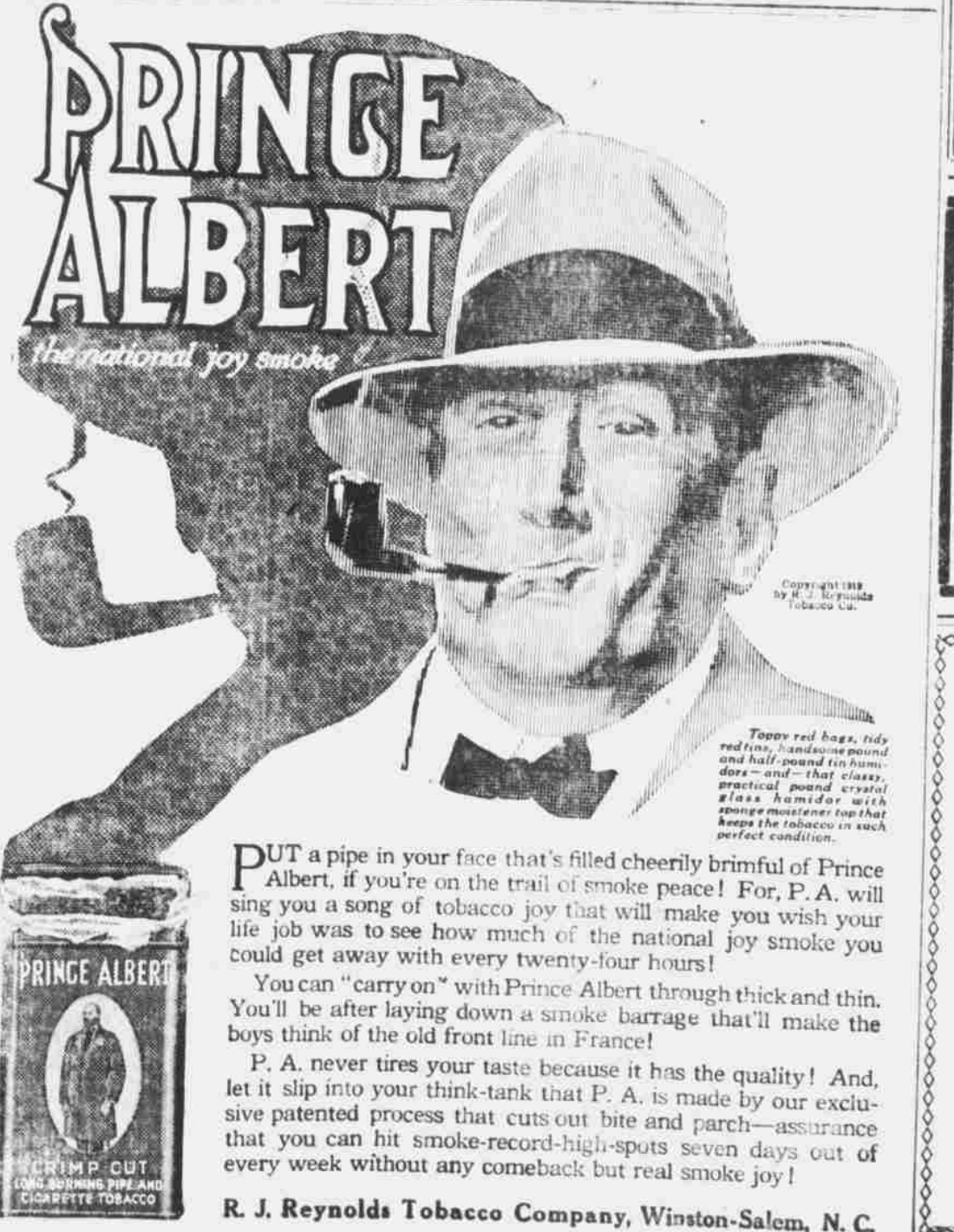
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